

Application No. 09/900,919  
Reply to Office Action of October 21, 2005

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An image forming apparatus supervisory system configured to supervise a plurality of image forming apparatuses disposed at a plurality of user sides, said image forming apparatus supervisory system comprising:

a central supervisory apparatus configured to include a processor and to determine updated hardware in an applicable one or more of the plurality of image forming apparatuses;

a firmware download device provided in the central supervisory apparatus and configured to download prescribed updated firmware to an applicable one or more image forming apparatuses in accordance with the determined updated hardware of the one or more image forming apparatuses; and

a firmware update device provided in each of the image forming apparatuses and configured to update firmware of the one or more image forming apparatuses with the updated firmware when the updated firmware is downloaded.